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August 14, 2013

TO: Ernest Y. Martin
Council Chair

FROM: Ikaika Anderson
Vice Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ikaika Anderson", with a small "2" written above it.

RE: **Travel Report – 2013 Hawaii State Association of Counties
Annual Conference June 20-21, Kauai Beach Resort**

Aloha Council Chair – Pursuant to Council Rule No. 34, attached is my travel report for the above-referenced conference. Please let me know if you should have any questions or if you should need additional information.

Mahalo

Attachment

**Travel Report
2013 Hawaii State Association of Counties
Annual Conference
June 20-21,
Kauai Beach Resort – Lihue, Kauai**

Tuesday June 18

I arrived for the HSAC Conference one day early in order to conduct field research on Kauai County's ordinance banning the use of retail plastic bags. I have recently received inquiries from the public regarding Honolulu County Ordinance 12-8 and its impending impact on Oahu.

I met with State Representative Derek Kawakami for dinner to discuss the Kauai County ordinance prohibiting the use of retail plastic shopping bags. As Rep. Kawakami was a Kauai County councilmember at the time the ordinance went into effect, he was able to share his firsthand knowledge of the ban and its results. In our meeting, Rep. Kawakami strongly advised against Honolulu adopting a similar ordinance to completely ban retail use of plastic shopping bags for the following reasons:

- Cost to businesses;
- Cost being passed on to consumers; and
- Inconvenience to shoppers who re-use the plastic bags.

Rep. Kawakami suggested, at the very least, allowing for the use of biodegradable plastic bags (i.e. no alteration of Ordinance 12-8 that is to take effect in Honolulu on July 1, 2015).

Wednesday June 19

I visited numerous Kauai retail stores in Hanalei, Kapaa, Lihue and Hanapepe. The vast majority of stores charge upwards of \$1.50 for reusable shopping bags. While some offer paper bags, many offer ONLY reusable bags for purchase. Stores such as Wal-Mart and 7-Eleven offer only bags for purchase. Thus, if shoppers do not bring their own bags and do not wish to purchase reusable bags from the retail outlet, their only option is to carry their purchased items out by hand (or by shopping cart) to their vehicles.

I also found that taking carry-out food from restaurants was a messy process without the convenience of a plastic bag in which to place and tie up the food items.

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson
Travel Report
July 30, 2013

As mentioned previously, I have been approached by concerned residents and environmental groups asking that I consider amending Honolulu's plastic bag ordinance which will take effect July 1, 2015 to prohibit all retail plastic bag use, including biodegradable plastic bags.

From my meeting with Rep. Kawakami, and my numerous site visits to Kauai retail establishments, I have arrived at the conclusion that at this time, Honolulu should not amend Ordinance 12-8, which takes effect on July 1, 2015, to prohibit Oahu retail outlets from providing biodegradable plastic bags to customers.

Thursday June 20

Attended HSAC general membership meeting, welcome reception and golf awards presentation. Met with Lt. Governor regarding general HSAC items with plan to follow up at later meeting.

Friday, June 21

Attended Panel 1: Importance of Preserving the Host Culture – agree that preserving the Host Culture is critical to our State's visitor industry and without it, Hawaii would become simply another tropical destination.

Attended HSAC lunch w/keynote speaker Camille Kalama.

Made various site-visits regarding ban on retail plastic bags.

Attended Panel 5: Expanding Opportunities with Hawaiian Organizations - Spoke with current and former county councilmembers regarding on-going county-wide issues and those issues we share with other states.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: July 1, 2013

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CITY COUNCIL
HONOLULU, HAWAII

Traveler: Ikaika Anderson
Event: 2013 HSAC Conference *(Annual)*
Location: Lihue, Kauai, HI
Dates: From July 18, 2013 To July 22, 2013

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	\$205.	Reg fee chrg to Protocol; CAS unabl to mke adj to D3
2. Airfare	\$214.20	Online confirmation attached
3. Hotel	\$654. <i>585.20 - 68</i>	Hotel folio attached
4. Meals <i>36.35</i>	\$114.44 <i>115.44 - 20</i>	Attached receipts
5. Ground Transportation	\$256.98	Attached receipts
6. Tips	0 <i>7.00</i>	
7. Other -- Parking	\$67.80	
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment	<i>(12.00)</i>	<i>2 hours that were charged to his hotel room</i>
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	1444.62 <i>248.33</i>	Amt. chrg to D3: \$1,239.62 Amt chrg to Protocol \$205

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:

Ikaika Anderson
Signature of Traveler

7/3/13
Date